

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

PIETRO PETRINI et al

Group Art Unit: 3733

Serial No.: 10/568,415

Examiner: J. Merene

Filed: February 14, 2006

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For: INTERLAMINAR VERTIBRAL PROSTHESIS

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136**

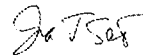
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is herein made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for an extension of time for three months for response to the Office Action of January 4, 2010.

The appropriate fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 is paid herewith by credit card. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the credit card account used. Refund of all amounts overpaid, including those of twenty-five dollars or less, is specifically requested. Any fees not accepted by the credit card account used may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-0753.

Respectfully submitted,



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